

Andrew Jackson to Samuel Houston, November 22, 1826, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO SAM HOUSTON.

Hermitage, November 22, 1826.

D'r Genl, I set out tomorrow for the neighbourhood of Florence to make some arrangements relative to the interest of my little ward, H. whose cotton Ginn and all the cotton has been consumed by fire. I therefore before I leave home trouble you with this letter.

I am anxious as early as your convenience will admit, that you should see Doctor Wallace and Colo Gray, and obtain their statement in writing of what the Sec of the Navy¹ should have said, at the Public dinner given him at Fredericksburg, va, relative to my leaving the army without leave or orders etc. etc. and communicate a copy to me and retain the original yourself. So soon as this is done present my note to the Sec and transmit me his reply. I trust you will attend to this thing promptly for me; for, I find the heads of Departments have been ranging the union and secretly intimating slanderous things of me. This I mean to Expose, and put down, one after the other, as I can obtain the positive proof. *Let it not be long before I hear from you* .

¹ Samuel L. Southard of New Jersey.

I have recd several letters from the western District.² since you left Nashville the current has *changed there* , and you will (unless a mighty change) receive an overwhelming

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majority. The result of your Political quarrel, and Major Eatons reelection, has put down the faction, and unanimity and harmony will prevade our whole state.

2 The Western District was that part of Tennessee lying west of the Tennessee River. It was acquired from the Chickasaw Indians by Jackson and Governor Shelby in the treaty of 1818.

Present me to Mr John Randolph and all my friends in the senate. If you find it convenient, you may suggest a desire I have of obtaining a good filly got by Sir Archey, and full bred by the dam side. Knowing that he has the purest blood, if he has a filly of this description broke to the halter, that he can sell for \$300 or under that sum, say a two or three year old, if he will deliver such a one to you, and you will bring her out, I will be prompt in remitting him the amount. . . .

[P. S.] Capt A. J. Donelson who has engaged my stud coalts, desires me to say to you, if a faithfull good keeper of rone horses can be got, he will give them good wages. a freeman of colour, who could be well recommended for his capacity and honesty would be preferred. from one hundred dollars to one hundred and fifty of standing wages would be given, besides other priviledges, but none except those well recommended would be employed, he must be sober, honest, and capable—under such recommendations, I will guarantee any engagement for the Capt, that you may make.